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SUBJ: ENTRY INTO THAILAND OF INDOCHINESE NATIONALS

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1. EMBASSY HAS AGAIN EXPERIENCED ARRIVAL OF AMCIT EMPLOYEE OF A CONTRACTOR IN IRAN (BELL AIRCRAFT), TRAVELLING WITH VIETNAMESE WIFE WITHOUT ENTRY VISA FOR THAILAND. IN THIS INSTANCE INDIVIDUALS IN QUESTION, TRAVELLING BACK TO THE U.S. FOR HOME LEAVE AND EXPECTING TO TRANSIT HONG KONG, ALSO DID NOT HAVE HONG KONG VISA FOR VIETNAMESE WIFE.

2. CULPRIT APPEARS AGAIN TO BE PAKISTAN INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS (PIA) IN TEHRAN WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE CHECKING FOR VALID VISAS. THE VIETNAMESE SPOUSE IN QUESTION HAD VALID RE-ENTRY PERMIT BUT WAS REFUSED ENTRY BECAUSE OF HER NATIONALITY. COUPLE SPENT 23 HOURS IN THE BANGKOK AIRPORT TRANSIT LOUNGE BEFORE CONSUL WAS ABLE TO SECURE ENTRY. EFFORT WAS MADE ON THEIR BEHALF TO SPARE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED EXPENSE AND INCONVENIENCE OF RETURN TO IRAN BECAUSE FAULT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE COMPLETELY THEIRS.

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3. NEVERTHELESS, EFFORT AGAIN USED UP OUR TIME AND

CREDIT WITH LOCAL IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THIS
APPEARS TO BE A CONTINUING PROBLEM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY
WOULD CIRCULARIZE LOCAL U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY
REGARDING ABSOLUTE NEED FOR VISAS FOR THAILAND AND
HONG KONG FOR INDOCHINESE NATIONALS REGARDLESS OF
TRAVEL DOCUMENT.

5. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF LOCAL TEHRAN OFFICES
OF INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS SERVICING BANGKOK COULD BE
INFORMED OF THE PROBLEM. THAI IMMIGRATION WILL OF
COURSE MAKE SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS AT THIS END.
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